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BEWARE OF CHANGE IN CONSTITUTION

Attorney General Makes
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SEES NO HOPE OF
MODERN UTOPIA

He Would Remedy Modern Politics, but Has Nothing but Ridicule for Initiative, Referendum and Recall—Ambassador James Bryce One of Speakers at Banquet.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
New York, December 14.—Remedy modern politics—but leave the Constitution severely alone.
Such was the earnest plea which Attorney-General Wickham made to-night to the Pennsylvania Society, meeting for its annual banquet. He ridiculed the modern Utopia promised by reformers and bitterly condemned such innovations as the initiative, the referendum and the recall.

The Attorney-General's speech followed addresses by Governor Tener, of Pennsylvania; British Ambassador James Bryce and Senator Borah, of Idaho.
Admitting that the evils of machine rule and corporation control of the Legislature and judiciary had in the past demanded drastic action, the Attorney-General said the fault "lay not within the inadequacy of the Constitution, but the apathy of the voters." Public conscience he declared, has awakened, and many corrective measures have been applied by Congress through laws which do not affect the constitutional government.

Reviewing the effect of the initiative and referendum in the seventeen States where it is now in effect, the Attorney-General claimed that the "independence of the judicial system has been almost entirely destroyed by short terms of office and small salaries, together with the threat of removal that is constantly hanging over them."

"The new school," the Attorney-General said, "rejects as unworthy all limitations upon the immediate exercise of power and reduces bills of rights to mere counsels of perfection. It abandons all ideas of permanency in the fundamental law. The Constitution is changed as lightly as the codes of legal procedure. In Oregon, for example, its constitution was not changed between 1859 and 1902—a

WRANGLE MUCH, BUT FEAST MORE

Southern League Magnates, Unable to Agree on Anything, Decide on Banquet.

Birmingham, Ala., December 14.—Following an afternoon session of much wrangling, the magnates of the Southern League to-night enjoyed the annual banquet, greater zest being apparent than heretofore.

The main question before the league heads is the salary limit matter. It was warmly discussed to-day, but no action was taken. A monthly limit of \$150 was proposed, and caused such bitter discussion there was

a tilt between President Kavanaugh and Mike Finn, manager of the Mobile Club. Finally all spectators were required to leave the room and the magnates went into executive session. A salary limit of \$450 for the year was postponed, and will be thrashed out before the meeting comes to final adjournment.

The Bunting case was brought up by Mike Finn, and after consideration the Chattanooga and New Orleans clubs were severely censured for their parts in the transaction. It was declared that had the case affected the decision of the pennant more decisive action would have been taken, but as Birmingham was the winner the affair lost most of its potency, and the magnates contented themselves with the rebuke to the clubs mentioned.

The pennant was formally awarded to Birmingham to-day and Nashville formally admitted to the league.

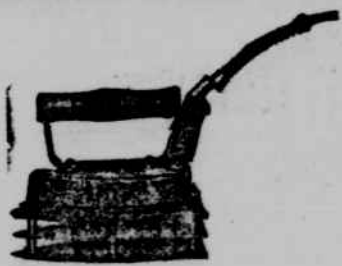
The banquet to-night was attended by two-score leaders of the sporting fraternity in the South, and lots of fun was had. The magnates will continue their deliberations Monday.

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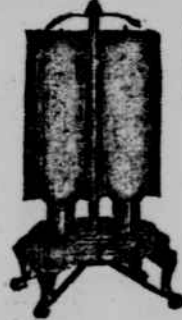
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period of forty-three years. Between 1892 and 1910, eight years, it was amended twelve times. This constitution tinkering is the inevitable result of reducing constitutions to the category of statutes."

Wickham scored the Roosevelt proposal to submit judicial decisions upon the justice and adequacy of new statutes to a popular vote to determine their legality. To accomplish this, he said, meant that all constitutional amendments "would become mere elaborate statutes."

"Consider," he said, in closing, "whether the evils from which we suffer may not be cured without the destruction of our cherished institutions; examine all this in a spirit of candor, concession and openness to conviction; and, as Mr. Mason said in 1787, 'God grant that prejudice may not make us blind to our own interests.'"

Medal to Mr. Bryce.
A feature of the dinner was the presentation of a gold medal to Mr. Bryce. This medal was founded several years ago by a group of members for the purpose of providing special distinction to any person whom the society particularly wished to honor.

Its presentation to Ambassador Bryce marked the first time it has been given to any one not a citizen of the United States.

Senator Borah, in his speech on the "United States," strongly defended the Constitution, but warned his hearers that he was troubled by brewing for the present form of government.

Mr. Bryce paid an extraordinary tribute to the Constitution of the United States. The ambassador said:

"The Constitution was the work of an extraordinary group of men such as has seldom been seen living at the same time in any country, and such as had never been brought together in any other country to undertake the immensely difficult task of framing a fundamental instrument for the government of a nation. The nation was then a small one, and it is one of the most striking tributes to the genius and foresight of the men that that frame of government which they designated for 1,000,000 peoples should have proved fitting to serve the needs of 32,000,000.

SUSPEND MISSISSIPPI UNIVERSITY.

S. L. A. A. Takes Action Because School Falls to Meet Protests of Player.

New Orleans, La., December 14.—The University of Mississippi was to-day indefinitely suspended from the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association by delegates in convention here representing the leading educational institutions in the South. Suspension was the result of Mississippi's refusal to play the scheduled annual Thanksgiving game with the Mississippi A. & M. because Fletcher, of the former university, had been declared ineligible under the S. L. A. A. rules.

Resolutions were adopted by the association declaring Player Fletcher, the coach, captain and manager of the Mississippi University football team, disqualified from any connection with athletics in the S. L. A. A.

At a banquet to-night officers of the association were re-elected as follows:

William L. Dudley, Vanderbilt, president; William Riggs Clemson, first vice-president; John Morris, University of Georgia, vice-president second district; B. M. Walker, Mississippi A. & M., vice-president third district; Browne E. Avers, Tennessee, vice-president fourth district; Edward T. Holmes, of Mercer, secretary-treasurer.



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